

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A locking device has an actuating lever for an adjustable steering column in a vehicle. The locking device is provided between a mounting fixed on the vehicle and a casing tube.

- 5 The casing tube surrounds the steering column and can be adjusted relative to the mounting. The actuating lever can be pivoted below and/or to the side of the casing tube between a locking position and a release position for locking and releasing the casing tube. A handle component for the
- 10 actuating lever is positioned at a given distance from the casing tube when the actuating lever is in the locking position. The actuating lever is configured as a deformation element and, when there is an impact, the handle component can be deformed in a direction toward the casing tube for
- 15 absorbing energy and protecting the driver.

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